

LIMITED IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE PERMITTED

Due to the Novel Coronavirus pandemic and the ongoing state of emergency, in-person attendance at this Council meeting by members of the general public will be limited. Attendance will be limited to twenty percent of the stated maximum occupancy, which equates to thirty-four (34) persons (including Council members, other elected officials, and staff). Attendees will be required to sit in designated seats, appropriately spaced. In-person attendance will be allowed on a “first-come” basis.

*Additionally, to ensure the meeting otherwise remains open to the public, we will continue to broadcast it live on the County’s YouTube channel, which can be found via the County’s website at Oconeesc.com. Further, the public may call in and listen by dialing **888-475-4499 OR 877-853-5257** and entering meeting ID # **859 8840 8608**. And, individuals parked in close proximity to Council Chambers may listen to the meeting on FM 92.3.*

PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY PROHIBITED

During this election season, please remain aware that engaging in partisan political activity during a County Council meeting is prohibited. Oconee Code of Ordinances Section 2-61. “Partisan political activities” are those activities that are directed at the success or failure of a political party, candidate for political office, or political group.



A G E N D A

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 2, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

Call to Order

Public Comment Session

[Limited to a total of forty (40) minutes, four (4) minutes per person.]

If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by contacting our Clerk to Council, Katie Smith at ksmith@oconeesc.com or 864-718-1023, so that she may receive your comment and read it into the record.

Council Member Comments

Moment of Silence

Invocation by County Council Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Approval of Minutes

- May 19, 2020 Regular Minutes

Administrator Comments

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Attorney Comments

South Carolina Association of Counties / Mr. Josh Rhodes & Mr. Tim Winslow

- Membership and Accomplishments

Discussion Regarding Action Items

Discussion and actions regarding the Oconee County Rock Quarry, Quarry Operations, Quarry Pricing, and related matters

Public Comment Session

[Limited to three (3) minutes per person.]

Public Comment regarding the Rock Quarry will be limited to 3 minutes per person. Any additional comments may be made during the public comment session at the beginning of the meeting. If you have a comment you would like to submit, please contact our Clerk to Council, Katie Smith, at ksmith@oconeesc.com or 864-718-1023 or the County Administrator, Amanda Brock, at abrock@oconeesc.com or 864-903-5179 so that they may receive your comment and read it into the record.

OCCB FUNDING APPROVAL REQUESTS

Cliff's Timber, LLC Chapman Bridge Oconee Bell Preserve – 220 acres – Oconee County Conservation Bank Board Fee Simple Purchase

OCCB unanimously approved on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 for Council to approve funding in the amount of \$88,000 or 10% of the appraised value, whichever is less, for a fee simple purchase to Naturaland Trust.

Morris Family Revocable Trust – 26.26 acres – Oconee County Conservation Bank Board Conservation Easement

OCCB unanimously approved on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 for Council to approve funding in the amount of \$12,500 for a conservation easement to Upstate Forever.

Gary Lyle – 165.89 acres – Oconee County Conservation Bank Board Conservation Easement

OCCB unanimously approved on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 for Council to approve funding in the amount of \$45,000 or 10% of the appraised value, whichever is less, for a conservation easement to Oconee Soil & Water Conservation District.

Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances

If you are not able to attend in person and you would like to be heard during the public hearing, please contact Katie Smith at ksmith@oconeesc.com or 864-718-1023 so that she may coordinate your participation by telephone.

Ordinance 2020-13 “AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REAL PROPERTY REASSESSMENT IN OCONEE COUNTY BE DELAYED FOR ONE (1) YEAR, AS AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2020-13 [see caption above]

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2020-01 “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES, FOR THE TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE DEBT SERVICE FUND, FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, FOR THE CAPITAL VEHICLE / EQUIPMENT FUND, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.”

Ordinance 2020-02 “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.”

Ordinance 2020-03 “AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT AND TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.”

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

[None Scheduled]

First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions

[None Scheduled]

Discussion Regarding Action Items

PRT Commission State and Local ATAX recommendations of \$242,500 (See attached spreadsheet). The requests were unanimously approved and recommended by the PRT Commission on 05/7/20.

- PRT Commission and PRT staff recommends \$46,500 from Local ATAX funds for the Museum Docent Program-Year 4 (\$41,500) and the South Carolina Sports Alliance (\$5,000).
- PRT Commission and PRT staff recommends a total of \$171,000 in ATAX funds for the FY20 Visit Oconee SC Budget. It is estimated that \$150,000 will come from State ATAX funds and \$21,000 from Local ATAX funds. Exact amounts from each account will be determined upon receipt of the 4th Quarter State ATAX check in August 2020.

It is staff's recommendation of approval of ATAX recommendations from the PRT Commission.

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Change Order # 6 to PO # 53771 Title: New Office / ADA Restrooms for Chau Ram / Oconee PRT-Chau Ram / \$86,760.00

Economic Development Millage Fund: \$86,760.00 / **Project Cost:** \$86,760.00 / **Balance:** \$0.00

On October 15, 2019, Council approved Design Build / Construction services to J. Davis Construction for New Office/ ADA Restrooms for Chau Ram & Park Shelters / Storage facilities for High Falls in the amount of \$858,440.00 [plus contingency in the amount of \$44,162.00] for a total award of \$902,602.00. Council also authorized the County Administrator to sign any change orders within the contingency amount.

The Chau Ram building was originally planned to be built in-house with Facilities Maintenance handling the building and Roads and Bridges handling the site work, parking and access work. After budget approval, Facilities had to be pulled for an emergency project. The County has had three FEMA incidents occupying the Roads and Bridges division and limiting available staff. This resulted in a necessity to bid the project and has resulted in a number of change orders for items that were planned to be completed in-house.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council [1] approve the PO # 53711 Change Order Number 6 in the amount \$86,760.00.00 which makes the total purchase order amount \$558,307.07 and [2] authorize the County Administrator to execute sign change order.

Request Council consideration and approval of a “Life After Lockup” participant for a full time employment position within Oconee County

Council Committee Reports

Budget, Finance, & Administration / Mr. Elliott.....[05/05/2020 & 05/19/2020]

Board & Commission Appointments (IF ANY) [Seats listed are all co-terminus seats]

- *Building Codes Appeal Board.....1 At Large Seat
- *Board of Zoning Appeals.....District 5
- *Conservation Bank Board.....District 5

***No questionnaires on file for the seats listed above**

Executive Session

[upon reconvening Council may take a Vote and/or take Action on matters brought up for discussion in Executive Session, if required]

For the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

[1] Discuss contractual matter(s) related to potential property purchases for public health and safety purposes.

Adjourn

Assisted Listening Devices [ALD] are available to accommodate the special needs of citizens attending meetings held in Council Chambers.

ALD requests should be made to the Clerk to Council at least 30 minutes prior to the meeting start time.

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